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In re Application of:) Examiner: Ho, Thomas M.
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Crawford Chaffin Benjamin,) Art Group: 2134
Michael P. Cornaby, and)
James Bryant Bigbee)
Serial No.: 09/672,368)
Filed: September 28, 2000)
For: **MECHANISM TO HANDLE**)
EVENTS IN A MACHINE WITH)
ISOLATED EXECUTION)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the attached remarks.

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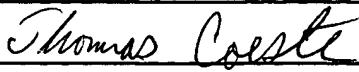
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Remarks		

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		FeePaid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)		

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	30	- 20** =	10	X 18.00 =	\$180.00
Independent Claims	6	- 3** =	3	X 86.00 =	\$258.00
Multiple Dependent					

Large Entity		Small Entity		FeePaid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)		

**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see below

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	FeePaid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification			
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804	920 *	1804	920 *	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805	1,840 *	1805	1,840 *	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month			
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month			
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1404	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal			
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing			
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee			
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee			
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807	50	1807	50	Prospecting fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809	770	1809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			

Other fee (specify) _____

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